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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT--KISSINGER LATAM TRIP

1. JORNAL DE BRASILIA FRONT-PAGE SIX-COLUMNS HEADLINED "HENRY KISSINGER NOW IS 24-HOUR AWAY FROM BRASILIA" IS FOLLOWED BY REPORT SAYING: "CREATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL US-BRAZIL COMMITTEE --A BODY FOR VERY IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS, HEADED BY GOB FONMIN AND US SECSTATE-- IS MAJOR TOPIC OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED DURING KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BY THE GOB FONOFF AND WAS NEGOTIATED WITH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. IN PRINCIPLE, THE IDEA OF A HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE WAS ACCEPTED BY THE USG. ... HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO KISSINGER'S PERSONAL WORKING STYLE, ONLY IN HIS DIRECT CONVERSATIONS WITH FONMIN SILVEIRA HE WILL MAKE FINAL UNCLASSIFIED

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US DECISION ON PROPOSED BODY. ..." (FEB. 18). ANOTHER

FRONT-PAGE BOX CARRIES PAPER'S INTERVIEW WITH O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITOR OLIVEIROS FERREIRA IN WHICH FERREIRA GIVES HIS OPINION ON KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL: "KISSINGER COMES TO NEGOTIATE WITH COUNTRIES WHICH NO LONGER ARE THE OLD AND UNCONDITIONAL ALLIES OF PAST TIMES." (FEB. 18).

(A) PAPER'S PAGE TWO HAS SECOND ARTICLE OF SERIES "MR. K IN THE COUNTRY OF SOCCER," SAYING: "... KISSINGER CERTAINLY WOULDNT HAVE HAD IN BRAZIL THE FANTASTIC CAREER WHICH MADE HIM THE US SECSTATE, BECAUSE HIS EXPERTISE -- SECURITY -- HERE IS A RESTRICTED SUBJECT FOR CIVILIANS. ... KISSINGER'S IDEAS IN FOREIGN POLICY ARE 'HARD-LINE.' HOWEVER, DIFFERENT FRON THE BRAZILIAN CONCEPT OF 'HARD-LINE,' HE USES HIS INTELLIGENCE AND IS PRAGMATIC AND TOLERANT IN ALL HIS ACTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS. ..." (FEB. 18).

(B) JORNAL DE BRASILIA DEVOTES PAGES THREE AND FOUR TO SPECIAL COVERAGE OF KISSINGER'S TRIP. PAGE THREE REPORTS PREPARATIONS FOR BRASILIA VIST, CONGRESSMEN'S STATEMENTS (THIS WITH SUBTITLE "BRAZIL'S POSITION IN AFRICA INCREASES OUR BARGAINING POWER"). PAGE FOUR CARRIES NEWS REPORTS FROM VISIT TO VENEZUELA AND PERU'S EXPECTATIONS AND PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE THE SECSTATE.

2. DIARIO DE BRASILIA FRONT-PAGES NEWS REPORTS ON KISSINGER'S SPEECH LAST EVENING IN VENEZUELA. HEADLINE IS "KISSINGER: LET'S TALK ABOUT SERIOUS MATTERS." INSIDE STORY HEADLINED "KISSINGER COMES TO DISCUSS DEFENSE OF SOUTHERN SEAS" REPORTS STATEMENTS BY CONGRESSMEN NEY LOPES (ARENA, RIO DE JANEIRO), GETULIO DIAS AND ODACIR KLEIN (MDB, RIO GRANDE DO SUL) SPECULATING THAT KISSINGER'S MAIN TOPIC WILL BE DEFENSE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. (FEB. 18).

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